2023 International Patient Advocacy Group Meeting



REAL WORLD EVIDENCE & APAC JULIE CINI –OAM







WHY COLLECT DATA?

- See who exists in your community
- Gives a long-term in-depth overview of the community
- Create some baseline data for your community.
- See an unmet need/ areas of concern within your community
- Gives real world evidence of what is happening in the life of someone living with the condition
- Gives creditability and validity to patient perspective.
- Informs your regulatory what is actually happening within the community





HOW LONG DO I NEED TO COLLECT DATA?



- Start Early and collect often (every 12 months)
- Patterns and themes will develop within the data collected that you can report on
- Additional data can quickly be gathered as you don't need ethics approval



WHAT DATA DO I NEED TO COLLECT?

- Demographics- male/female, age, postcode
- Type (if any), age of onset, age of diagnosis
- Improvement/ deterioration
- Daily living skills achievable
- Carer hours required
- Quality of life questions relating to everyday living skills
- What the current situation looks like in your country.
- What would having access to treatment mean for your family



1 in 35 Australians unknowingly carry the gene in Australia





ACCESS TO MEDICINE IS A MARATHON NOT A SPRINT!

- Inform your community about the timeline of access to medicine in your country
- Not all medicines get through on a first submission
- Get in contact with a representative from your regulatory body in your country as to better understand how a medicine becomes commercially available.
- Work with your pharma company early! They shouldn't be coming to you last minute.....





POWER OF A STORY

- Encourage your families to pen their story
- Use these to capture the up's and downs within your community
- Regularly publish these stories to create awareness (media love good news stories)
- When advocating send these stories to your local politician (they are there to support you)





Thank you for celebrating with us! #beSMAaware





DATA COLLECTION WORKS!



Approved in Australia in a 5 year time frame

- 2018 first ever treatment for SMA reimbursed for people 18 years and younger
- 2020 MSAC approved carrier screening for SMA, Cystic Fibrosis and Fragile X (being implemented in November 2023)
- 2021 –first oral treatment for SMA reimbursed for people 18 years and younger
- 2021 –first gene therapy for SMA recommended for reimbursement for infants nine months and younger
- 2021 National newborn screening program recommended by the government (Available in all states except SA, TAS and half of Darwin)
- 2022 first gene therapy for SMA recommended in Australia
- 2023 first oral treatment recommended for adults over 19 years of age.



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